He karere tā te Kaunihera ō Taranaki ki te Tonga News from the South Taranaki District Council

Kerbside collection will run as normal on Matariki (Friday 28 June 2024)

Waverley Revitalisation Project Underway

Work to install four pedestrian refuges along Waverley's main street, Weraroa Road (SH3) started on Monday.

The work, funded by the Council and Waka Kotahi - the New Zealand Transport Agency, is designed to reduce the speed of vehicles travelling through the town, while also integrating elements of it's revitalisation project.

New lighting, bins, gardens and decking outside the Hind Quarters Cafe are all part of the work.

Council's group manager of community services, Rob Haveswood, says refuge crossings were chosen over pedestrian crossings because research shows they are safer in this type of location on a state highway where pedestrian use is low compared to vehicles.

"Where pedestrian volumes are low, drivers can become complacent and ignore the crossings. At the same time, people have a tendency to walk straight out onto a pedestrian crossing. Refuge crossings actually encourage both pedestrians and drivers to pay more attention."

Mr Haveswood explained the Waverley project was just one of a number of projects the Council was undertaking across the District.

"One of our key social and economic initiatives is to improve vibrancy and connectedness in Waverley, Pātea, Eltham, Manaia and Ōpunakē town centres. We have budgeted \$10.6 million overall to do this work, which has been funded from our Long Term Investment Fund fluctuation reserve, so there is no direct impact on rates to do these projects."

Mr Haveswood says the Council has worked with local co-design groups and the wider community to develop the revitalisation projects.

"Earlier this month we had a community meeting in Waverley where around 100 people came along to see what the co-design group had come up with and to share their feedback. It was a really constructive meeting with lots of robust discussion and a great example of the Council and community working together."



THE GREAT **COMEDY NIGHT**

ELTHAM - FRI 23 AUG HAWERA - SAT 24 AUG

TICKETS ON SALE FROM 1 JULY

AVAILABLE FROM THE SOUTH TARANAKI ISITE AND ELTHAM LIBARYPLUS

Upcoming Meetings

Risk and Assurance Committee Wednesday 3 July, 10.30am

Te Hāwera Community Board Monday 8 July, 11am Ōhawe Town Hall, Karora Street, Ōhawe

Extraordinary Council

To adopt the Long Term Plan and consider Financial Contributions Monday 8 July, 2.45pm

Pātea Community Board Monday 8 July, 4pm Hunter Shaw Building, Egmont Street, Pātea

Eltham-Kaponga Community

Wednesday 10 July, 10.30am START Taranaki, 9 Alamein Street,

Taranaki Coastal Community **Board**

Wednesday 10 July, 2.30pm Rāhotu Hall, 5781 South Road, Rāhotu

Te Kāhui Matauraura Wednesday 17 July, 10am

Environment and Hearings Wednesday 17 July, 4pm

Unless specified, meetings are held in the Council Chambers, Administration Building, Albion Street. Hāwera.

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School Holiday Programme

There's no reason for the kids to tell you they are bored these school holidays, especially if you've got the latest edition of the South Taranaki Happening Holidays programme.

Happening Holidays is the South Taranaki District Council's school holiday programme - a convenient one stop shop, packed with information about the various holiday activities happening across the District.

The range of activities is huge, from a day at the Hāwera Aquatic Centre, Taranaki Rugby Skills sessions, pottery classes, family movies at TSB Hub, cupcake decorating, roller skating and a Big Day Out to New Plymouth.

Council's Events Co-ordinator Ella Tosland says there is something for everyone.

"Happening Holidays is a quick and convenient guide to a whole range of activities for the kids – and once again

it's packed full of exciting activities for children throughout South Taranaki," she says. Parents are reminded that registrations and/ or permission slips are still required for most activities. This is outlined in the programme. Bookings will be taken online at www. southtaranaki.com/happeningholidays, at the Taranaki ki te Tonga South Taranaki isite and at your local LibraryPlus. Some activities have





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